

Capture of a Fugitive Slave and Excitement at Philadelphia.

On Saturday morning, considerable excitement was created at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, by Deputy United States Marshal Jenkins, arresting a colored man under the fugitive slave law, and the fugitive, who is said to be from Virginia, was taken to Philadelphia to appear before U. S. Commissioner Longstreet. The Philadelphia Bulletin, of Saturday afternoon, says:

The alleged fugitive, upon his arrival in the city, was taken to the office of the U. S. Commissioner, at Fifth and Chestnut streets, where we saw him this afternoon with his wrists encased in handcuffs. He told us that his name is Daniel Webster, that he is about twenty-five years of age, and that he has been living at Harrisburg, nine years past, where he was employed as a cooper. Upon being questioned concerning his domestic relations, he said, with tears in his eyes, that he had a wife living at Harrisburg, that he had two children, the last of whom was buried yesterday week. He said that he had many friends at Harrisburg, and that if he could have been tried there, instead of being brought so far from home, he could have been able to prove his right to liberty; but at so great a distance from home, and among strangers, he had no chance.

He stated that he was arrested while attending market at about six o'clock this morning, on pretence that he had committed some crime. The officers who made the arrest say that there was a disposition to rescue the fugitive, and for this reason handcuffs were put upon him at Harrisburg. The handcuffs were removed in the cars and again put upon him on his arrival in Philadelphia.

It is understood that the alleged fugitive is claimed by a party in Virginia who say that he escaped from bondage six years ago. If Daniel upon the other hand, declares that he is in Harrisburg he could prove that he had lived there nine years. He is a good looking, stalwart man, with an offensive countenance. This is the first case under the fugitive slave law in Philadelphia for several years.

A dispatch to the Philadelphia Journal, dated Harrisburg, Saturday afternoon gives the following scenes in the Legislature.

A fugitive slave having been arrested here, this morning, the subject was mentioned in the House, when Mr. Irish made an eloquent speech, in the course of which he pronounced the arrest a great outrage. He said that he had been seven years in Harrisburg, and that he had been living there ever since. He had been living in the city, placed in irons, and dragged down the streets by a band of armed ruffians, crying hell, while thousands of persons witnessed the wrong committed. These remarks caused a great excitement in the House, and Mr. Irish moved to bring to the consideration of the personal liberty bill. This proposition was not agreed to by a vote 40 to 34—two thirds being required to suspend the rules.

Mr. Roush, in view of this outrage, then offered a preamble, with a resolution attached, to take up the bill providing for the removal of the fugitive to Philadelphia. This resolution was negatived, by a vote of 5 to 66.

Mr. Bayard submitted a series of resolutions against slavery, and fixing Wednesday next for the consideration of the personal liberty bill. The resolutions passed to a second reading by a vote of 26 to 26.

This occasioned great excitement, amidst which a motion was made to adjourn and lost—yeas 25, nays 43. The offensive resolutions were then withdrawn, and Wednesday evening fixed for the discussion of the bill.

Mr. Hamersley, of Philadelphia, moved to refer the subject to the committee on judiciary, for the purpose of inquiry, but subsequently withdrew the motion. The Harrisburg Telegraph says the name of the fugitive is Daniel Dufferdell, and that his alleged owner is Elizabeth Simpson. Daniel has been living, for a number of years, with the Rutherfords, a few miles from Harrisburg, bears an unexceptionable character, and has proved himself an industrious man.

ALMANAC.

1859. APRIL. SUN. MON. TUES. WED. THUR. FRI. SAT. MOON'S PHASES.

5 Tuesday..... 5 49 6 20 D. M. H. 6
6 Wednesday..... 5 39 6 11 First. 10 11 M.
7 Thursday..... 5 30 6 02 Full. 11 22 M.
8 Friday..... 5 21 5 53 Last. 24 11 A.
9 Saturday..... 5 12 5 44 New. 26 11 A.
10 Sunday..... 5 03 5 35 HIGH WATER.
11 Monday..... 4 54 5 26 April 5, 8h. 17m.

MARINE LIST.

PORT OF ALEXANDRIA.—APRIL 4.

ARRIVED.

Ship Arthur, Wison, 37 days from New Castle, England, railroad iron to order.

Schr. Statesman, Mott, New York, to S. Shinn.

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BY YESTERDAY EVENING'S MAIL.

A FAMILY POISONED.—SCIENCE.—LEXINGTON, VA., March 31.—This community has been thrown into a state of extreme excitement by the poisoning of Dr. Jenkins, president of Washington College, and his entire family on the night of the 20th of this month. The poison used was arsenic, and was put into cream used as supper, by a negro of Dr. Jenkins named Billy. All the family, including Dr. Jenkins, Mrs. Fishburn and her child, Miss Fishburn, George Jenkins, Jr., and a young student named Anderson, were poisoned, but the dose administered was so large that it acted as an emetic, thus saving their lives. All the sufferers are now well. Billy has been arrested, examined, and sent on for trial.

Spencer Goin, an overseer by profession, was found this morning lying on the porch of this residence (on Kerr's Creek in this county), with his throat cut, and his body completely severed. He committed the crime with a razor, and died in a few moments. The deceased was in very comfortable circumstances, and intemperance is believed to have been the cause of his suicide. He leaves a wife.—Rich. Disp.

COMMERCIAL.

PRICES OF PRODUCE IN ALEXANDRIA.

FROM CARS, VESSELS, AND WAGONS, YESTERDAY.

FLOUR, Superfine.....\$5 25 @ \$6 00

Do Extra.....6 75 @ 7 00

Do Family.....7 50 @ 8 00

WHEAT, White.....1 60 @ 1 62

Do Red.....1 40 @ 1 42

Do Mixed.....0 78 @ 0 82

Do Yellow, new.....0 80 @ 0 85

CORN MEAL, (new).....0 75 @ 0 82

OATS.....0 48 @ 0 50

WHITE PEAS.....6 75 @ 7 00

THRESHED SEED.....2 00 @ 2 25

FLAXSEED.....1 35 @ 1 40

SHRUBS.....1 25 @ 0 00

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LOCAL ITEMS.

THE CANAL.—The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, since Monday last, has brought one hundred boat arrivals at the Collection Office in Georgetown. Of these, eighty-two boats are laden with coal from Cumberland, and the rest with grain, flour, and limestone.

The receipts as yet are small, in consequence of but few boats having unloaded, being \$206 for the ascending trade, and \$2,341 for the descending trade. Next week the receipts will be much heavier. The canal is reported in good order throughout. At Dam No. 4, about thirty stone-cutters and quarrymen are employed, and it is deemed that by the first of May this dam will be entirely completed.—Nat. Int.

STEAM CANAL BOAT.—The new steam Canal boat called "Blue Bird," reached Cumberland, Md., from Alexandria, Va., on the 30th ultimo, with another boat in tow. The Alleganians says:

She is propelled by an eighteen-horse power engine, attached to an adjustable feathering paddle-wheel, five feet long and five feet in diameter, so arranged that the paddles go down into the water edgewise and come up edgewise—not thrashing the water as they go down nor lifting it as they come up, the wheel is also arranged that it can in five minutes be raised or lowered so as to give the paddles the requisite dip in the water according to the draft of the boat.

The great advantage of this wheel is that it produces no lateral agitation of the water; and the paddles always acting on the upper surface of the water, produce a current immediately behind the boat and in the centre of the canal. It is claimed for this wheel that it will propel an empty boat five miles an hour, and a loaded boat over three miles; and it is believed she will make this average speed with another boat in tow. Her power has as yet been but partially tested, but from present indications it is thought by many who are competent to judge that this mode of applying steam power for propelling canal boats will greatly reduce the cost of the transportation of goods to the eastern markets.

Dr. R. S. McKim, Mr. Brown, and a gentleman of Washington D. C., are the patentees.

Mrs. Sweeney begs leave to return her sincere thanks to the citizens of Alexandria, for their prompt liberality in restoring to her the lost sustenance by the late fire at "Spring Garden." Such evidence of kind regard she will ever cherish with the deepest gratitude.

LIBERTY HALL! FOR FIVE NIGHTS ONLY!! COMMENCING TUESDAY NIGHT, APRIL 6th.

SANDERSON'S GIANTIC DIORAMA ILLUSTRATIONS OF THE RUSSIAN WAR, AND SIEGE OF SEBASTOPOL.

Accompanied by the Press and Public of the United States and the Canada, to be the LARGEST AND MOST EXTRAORDINARY EXHIBITION IN THE WORLD.

It has been recently exhibited in Washington to the entire population, for nearly four months. The Dioramas comprise the most vivid representation of all the leading incidents of the late great war, including:

BATTLES, SIEGES, STORMS, SHIPWRECKS, TORNADES, CONFLAGRATIONS, BURNING CITIES, &c.

The whole concluding with the BOMBARDMENT AND DESTRUCTION OF SEBASTOPOL.

And accompanied by the UNITED STATES MARINE BRASS BAND.

Admission 25 cents. Parquette 50 cents. No half-price for Children, except on Saturday Afternoon.

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